

Check List of Points to be Considered in a Discussion of a  
Possible Chapter Recommendation on the Principles  
to be Followed in the Establishment of a  
Central Intelligence Agency

1. A central intelligence agency should be established as a portion of the Executive Office of the President.
2. The CIA should be established by act of Congress.
3. The CIA should be headed by a civilian, appointed by the President, confirmed by the Senate, and responsible only to the President.
4. The CIA should be financed from the President's confidential fund and none of its personnel should have Civil Service standing. Salaries should be based on the same scale as those of private industry for similar types of work.
5. The function of the CIA should be the coordination of the collection, evaluation and dissemination of information (intelligence) by all federal agencies. It should determine the broad scale intelligence needs and insure the collection of the requisite information by the appropriate agencies.
6. The CIA should maintain a small secret intelligence unit under its own control which would be concerned with the collection of intelligence not procurable through other agencies.
7. The CIA should prepare such politico-military estimates as relate to the national security and which transcend the exclusive competence of any particular department to prepare. To do this the CIA should maintain a small but highly qualified research staff to integrate the basic estimates prepared by the various departments.
8. The CIA should be charged with making recommendations through the President to the appropriate agencies on necessary national internal security measures.
9. The CIA should have no domestic police functions and no domestic counter-intelligence functions.

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